PEARSON PLC Form 6-K March 10, 2017

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of March 2017

PEARSON plc

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

N/A

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

80 Strand London, England WC2R 0RL 44-20-7010-2000 (Address of principal executive office)

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F:

Form 20-F X Form 40-F

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Yes No X

### TR-1: NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTEREST IN SHARESi

to which voting rights **PLC** areattached: ii 2 Reason for the notification (please tick the appropriate box or boxes): An acquisition or disposal X of voting rights An acquisition or disposal of qualifying financial instruments which may result in the acquisition of shares already issued to which voting rights are attached An acquisition or disposal of instruments with similar economic effect to qualifying financial instruments An event changing the breakdown of voting rights Other (please specify): 3. Full name of person(s) subject to BlackRock, thenotification Inc. obligation: iii 4. Full name of shareholder(s) (if different from 3.):iv 5. Date of the transaction and date onwhich the threshold is 2017 crossed orreached: v 6. Date on which issuer 9 March, notified: 2017 7. Threshold(s) that Voting is/are crossed rights orreached: attached to

1. Identity of the issuer or the underlying

issuerof existing shares Pearson

vi, vii shares

holding for BlackRock,

Inc.

has gone below 5%

8. Notified details:

A: Voting rights attached to shares

viii, ix

Class/tyma of shares	Situation previous to the triggering transaction		triggering transaction			
Class/type of shares  if possible using the ISIN CODE	NumberofShar	umberofSharesNumberofVotingRights		eroff rights	% of voting rights x	
		Direct Direct X1	Indirect xii	Didientet		
GB0006776081	41,834,699	41,834,699	N/A N/A	37,288,255	N/A 53%	

B: Qualifying Financial Instruments

Resulting situation after the triggering transaction

			Number of	
		votingrigl		
Type of financialinstrument	Expirationdate	Exercise/Conversion Period	d may beacquired if	% of
	xiii	xiv	theinstrument	votingrights
			isexercised/	
			converted.	
Securities Lending	N/A	N/A	19,477,190	2.36%

C: Financial Instruments with similar economic effect to Qualifying Financial Instruments xv, xvi

Resulting situation after the triggering transaction

Type of financialinstrument	Exercise price	Expiration date xvii	Exercise/Conversi period xviii	Number of voting rights instrument refers to	% of voting rights xix, xx
CFD	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,081,200	Noltainal 0.13%

Total (A+B+C)

Number of voting rights

Percentage of voting rights

57,846,645 7.03%

9. Chain of controlled undertakings through which the voting rights and/or thefinancial instruments are effectively held, if applicable:

xxi

See Annex 1

**Proxy Voting:** 

10. Name of the proxy holder:

11. Number of voting rights proxy

holder will cease to hold:

12. Date on which proxy holder will

cease to hold voting rights:

BlackRock

Regulatory

13. Additional information: Threshold

> Reporting Team

Marc-Oliver

14. Contact name: Lesch

020 7743 15. Contact telephone number:

3650

Natalie Dale **Deputy Company Secretary** Pearson plc

10 March 2017

Annex 1

% of voting rights if it % of voting rights through financial Total of both if it equals equals or is higher than the instruments if it equals or is higher or is higher than the Name notifiable threshold than the notifiable threshold notifiable threshold

BlackRock, Inc. Trident Merger, LLC BlackRock Investment Management, LLC

BlackRock, Inc.

BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.

BlackRock Financial

Management, Inc.

BlackRock Holdco 4, LLC

BlackRock Holdco 6, LLC

BlackRock Delaware

Holdings Inc.

BlackRock Fund Advisors

BlackRock Institutional

Trust Company, National

Association

BlackRock, Inc.

BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.

BlackRock Financial Management, Inc. BlackRock Holdco 4, LLC BlackRock Holdco 6, LLC BlackRock Delaware Holdings Inc. BlackRock Fund Advisors

BlackRock, Inc. BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc. BlackRock Financial Management, Inc. BlackRock International Holdings, Inc. **BR** Jersey International Holdings L.P. BlackRock (Singapore) Holdco Pte. Ltd. BlackRock Asia-Pac Holdco, LLC BlackRock HK Holdco Limited BlackRock Cayco Limited BlackRock Trident

BlackRock Japan Holdings GK

Holding Company Limited

BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.

BlackRock, Inc. BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc. BlackRock Financial Management, Inc. BlackRock International Holdings, Inc. **BR** Jersey International Holdings L.P. BlackRock Group Limited BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited

BlackRock, Inc. BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc. BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.

BlackRock, Inc. BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc. BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.

BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.

**BR** Jersey International

Holdings L.P.

BlackRock (Singapore)

Holdco Pte. Ltd.

BlackRock (Singapore)

Limited

BlackRock, Inc.

BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.

BlackRock Financial

Management, Inc.

BlackRock International

Holdings, Inc.

**BR** Jersey International

Holdings L.P.

BlackRock Group Limited

BlackRock Investment

Management (UK) Limited

BlackRock, Inc.

BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.

BlackRock Financial

Management, Inc.

BlackRock Capital

Holdings, Inc.

BlackRock Advisors, LLC

BlackRock, Inc.

BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.

BlackRock Financial

Management, Inc.

BlackRock International

Holdings, Inc.

**BR** Jersey International

Holdings L.P.

BlackRock Australia

Holdco Pty. Ltd.

BlackRock Investment

Management (Australia)

Limited

BlackRock, Inc.

BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.